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1. RESULTS OF RECENT NIMAIRY VISIT TO UK HAVE BEEN MADE PUBLIC. SUDAN HAS AGREED TO PAY TWELVE MILLION POUNDS COMPENSATION TO BRITISH FIRMS SEIZED IN MAY, 1970. PAYMENTS ARE DUE TO BEGIN IN FOUR WEEKS AND ARE TO BE SPREAD OUT OVER NEXT FIVE YEARS.
 2. REPORTEDLY, SUDANESE INITIALLY WANTED COMPENSATION TO BE PAID OUT OF BRITISH AID FUNDS BUT FOREIGN SECRETARY DOUGLAS- HOME INSISTED THAT AID AND COMPENSATION BE TREATED AS SEPARATE MATTERS. FINALLY, NIMAIRY ACCEPTED BRITISH FORMULA WHICH ENVISAGES PAYMENT OF COMPENSATION IN INSTALLMENTS WITH THE MONEY COMING LARGELY FROM INCREASED EARNINGS SPURRED BY NEW BRITISH AID. THIS AID AMOUNTS TO 15.7 MILLION POUNDS FOR CAPITAL DEVELOPMENT AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE OVER A FOUR- YEAR PERIOD. NIMAIRY PLEDGED THAT FOREIGN INVESTMENT WOULD NOW BE "FULLY SAFEGUARDED".
 3. THE VISIT SEEMS TO HAVE BEEN REGARDED AS A GREAT SUCCESS BY BOTH SIDES. THE BRITISH ARE PLEASED TO BE ON GOOD TERMS AGAIN WITH A COUNTRY WITH WHICH THEY HAVE HAD LONG AND INTIMATE ASSOCIATIONS. FOR HIS PART,
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NIMAIRY SAID BEFORE HE LEFT LONDON, " WE CAME HERE TO
REACTIVATE AN OLD FRIENDSHIP."

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